

November 19, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*Affirmation of Faith Bob Troutman

As faithful disciple's we proclaim God the Father as the creator of the universe and all who exist within it. We also affirm that His Son, Jesus Christ, is the Messiah — the chosen Savior of all creation. In addition, we assert that the Holy Spirit is the gift we receive when we commit our life to the Lord. We call on the Triune God to help us navigate through the often-difficult terrain so that we can continue on the pathway of righteousness, from this world to the next. Amen!

*Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" No. 710

*Prayer of Assurance Bob Troutman

In moments of darkness and despair, we know that the Lord God Almighty is always there, providing light, hope, encouragement, and direction. Let us remain firm in our faith as we fix our eyes upon Jesus, vowing to obey his commands and to love one another, particularly the least among us. In His Great and Powerful Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, we have failed once again to honor our covenant with you. Our repeated disobedience has driven a wedge between us, so we come before you once again to confess our sins and seek your forgiveness so that we may be cleansed, purified, and fortified as we resolve to honor you by keeping your commandments. In Your Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Bob Troutman

Second Scripture I John 3:17-18 Bob Troutman

Third Scripture Matthew 25:35-45 Bob Troutman

Response

One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word!

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy!

*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 557

Message "Ministry in the Margins" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "We are Called" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Prayer Vigil

Join us as we pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world tomorrow night, at 6 p.m. All are welcome as we yield to God's divine power to bring calm and resolution to all areas of our world.

Blue Christmas

If you have lost a loved one in the past year, or if you are mourning the passing of someone long ago, you are invited to a Blue Christmas service at Wooster United Methodist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

Advent Bible Study

Oak Chapel will host an Advent Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, beginning on Nov. 29 and continuing through Dec. 20. All are welcome. We are planning to offer soup and bread as a light meal on those evenings. If you would like to provide either soup or bread at the second or third session, please contact Pastor John.

An Invitation to Join Us

If you have been worshipping with us recently and would like to enter into membership at Oak Chapel, we would be honored and blessed to have you join our congregation. Just let Pastor John know, and he will make arrangements to officially welcome you into our church on Sunday December 10.



Praises and Prayers

Almighty God, as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we are reminded of those who are less fortunate. Guide us in our efforts to reach out to those in need, and hear our praises and prayers as we lift them before you...

Praises

- *For the many blessings of Operation Christmas Child
- *For our unique and fruitful candy-making ministry
- *For the healing power of forgiveness
- *For the wonderful ministry of caregivers
- *For those who rang bells for the Salvation Army

Prayers

- *For Connie Garg's cousin Tom who is having health issues
- *For the family of Evelyn Silver following her passing
- *For Wayne Spangler, who is recovering at home
- *For Carol Gasser, who is dealing with hip and calf pain
- *For Lucas' grandmother, who is dealing with health issues
- *For Sandy Hower's sister-in-law, who is having treatments
- *For a young woman who had tests this past week
- *For the family of Jim Parris, who died suddenly last week
- *For Sandy Treece, who is recovering from illness
- *For Rich Myers, who was recently diagnosed with cancer
- *For Connie and Avi Garg as they go back and forth to Avon
- *For safe travels for Phyllis Weaver's daughter and son-in-law
- *For traveling mercies for Ted Zech and family
- *For Heidi Arnold, who is scheduled to have some tests

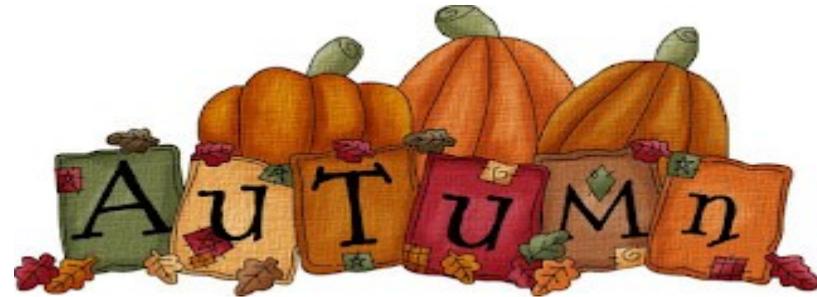
Upcoming Worship Services	
Nov. 26.....	Cleansing the Soul
Dec 3.....	The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 11/19	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
Monday 11/20	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Vigil	7:00 p.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11/21	Service for Evelyn Silver	10:00 a.m.
Thursday 11/23	Thanksgiving Day	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 11/26	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 11/27	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11/28	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Thursday 11/29	Advent Bible Study	6:00 p.m.



Thought for the Day
*On pins and needles?
 Jesus will cushion you!*

Sunday Smile
*Attention all procrastinators:
 "Someday" is not one of the seven days of the week*

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*Serving God and Community
 through Love, Compassion,
 Fellowship, and Caring*

Today's Message...
"Ministry in the Margins"